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MARYLAND STATE NORMAL SCHOOL

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JUNIORS WIN ANNUAL FIELD BALL CONTEST FROM SENIORS

Hard Fought Game Marked by Display of Good Sportsmanship

"Juniors Will Win!" That was their cry from the time they began serious practice. "Juniors will win!" was heard often, and to the amazement of the Seniors and joy of the Juniors they did.

On November 24 at 3:00 p. m. with yells from the Juniors "Come on team!" from the Seniors "We're back of you team!" The game started. A goal for Juniors! The ball went the other way and the Seniors scored. Then hard fighting followed, the ball first near Senior goal then near Junior goal. At the end of the first half the Juniors were ahead!

And now for the last half! Such honest class loyalty, such fighting! The ball stayed in the center of the field! Gradually it moved to the east goal! The Juniors won with 6 goals and a penalty; the Seniors lost by 5 points.

The game was over! Congratulations, Juniors! You played a fair, hard-fought game. You deserve the gold field balls. Congratulations, Seniors! A cheerful loser has more to be praised for than an unworthy victor! Some one must lose! You did with true sportsmanship.

ENTHUSIASM SHOWN IN "Y" ACTIVITIES

Sunday night vespers and Wednesday morning watch have been remarkably well attended this year. One reason for this is the interest and enthusiasm of the leaders, who have prepared the programs.

There has been a schedule of leaders and speakers made up for every vesper service until the 1st of March. We have found the girls very willing to take charge when ever they were called on. Several have been so obliging as to plan programs and then offer to lead. The "Y" members are glad to see that the students recognize the vesper services as their own and that they enter into the work.

We students are by no means alone in our effort to make vespers mean something to the student-body. We have friends in Salisbury who are always ready to help us. Among those whom we have already had the opportunity of hearing on Sunday evenings are the Rev. Mr. Gilson, Rev. Mr. Rustin, Rev. Mr. Litsinger, and Miss Wilsie Woodcock, principal of the Belle Street School. Various members of the faculty also show their interest in us by giving talks in vespers. Miss Lurah Collins has led and talked for us once this year, and we still have in store for us a Christmas lecture by Dr. W. J. Holloway and a program on February 22, by Miss Ida Belle Wilson. There are still other speakers each of whom I'm sure we will all enjoy hearing. We welcome visitors to our

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SALISBURY NORMAL SCHOOL'S REQUEST FOR RELIEF

The following was taken from The Salisbury Times of December 10, 1930)

Governor Ritchie has been urged to include in the budget to be submitted to the Maryland General Assembly next month an appropriation of $305,000 to complete construction at the state normal school here. In support of this request, conditions at the institution are described, directing attention to circumstances which certainly show the proposed addition to the school plant is sorely needed and is necessary to maintain the high plane of the state's education system.

It is a proposition in which the whole Eastern Shore is vitally interested, and the Western Maryland counties to no small degree. Fourteen counties are well represented in the school's student roster this year.

A brief history of the institution provides the background for the conditions which now exist. The Normal School Commission authorized by the Legislature 8 years ago selected the site on Camden avenue and approved architect's plans for the proposed institution. Funds were then available for purchase of the site and erection of the elementary practice school and north wing. This unit was completed in 1924 when it was decided that, to meet the existing need for well trained elementary school teachers, the portion completed should be occupied rather than await completion of the whole plant.

Students hastened to enroll at the new institution, but the capacity was very limited. Later funds were appropriated for the central unite of the plan. The enrollment increased proportionately and today the situation is one of overcrowding and decidedly inadequate facilities for comfort and education of the students. A basement room originally planned for storage purposes is used for the dining room, though its capacity is very limited. The school is without an infirmary to take care of students who may become ill or to separate one so indisposed from the remainder of the school's other inhabitants. No space is provided for indoor athletic activities and the school has been dependent upon the generosity of St. Peter's Prot-

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MISS PAULINE ELLIS

Pauline Ellis, Senior I, has the honor of being the only student at S. N. S. who made a straight "A" record last term. She is indeed to be congratulated since Senior I's consider the work of last term one of the most difficult of the two year's course.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY—GIFTS TO THE TREE

PLANS FOR CAROLING

Once more plans are a-foot for the annual Christmas Carols which form one of the most pleasant features of the Christmas celebrations at S. N. S. This year the new bus, which has been obtained since the last trip of the sort, will be pressed into service, as will all the school cars, to accommodate faculty and students.

The trip will begin at 4:30 a. m. on Friday, December 19, and soon carols will be heard on the principal streets of the city. Appreciative listeners will place candles in the windows of their homes. Some of the places to which the carolers will bring cheer are the John B. Parsons Home for the aged, Primitive Baptist Home, Peninsula General hospital, and Pine Bluff Sanitorium. The carol singing will be under the direction of Miss Gladys Feidler, and will include such old favorites as "Joy to the World," "The First Noel," "O Come All Ye Faithful," "Silent Night" and others.

The trip will terminate in the dining hall of S. N. S., a most agreeable proceeding from every point of view, but particularly from that of the carolers.

WORTH WHILE MEETING PLANNED

A most worth while program is being arranged and executed by the Normal Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association for the present school year, 1930-31. The membership of the association, which consists of all who are interested in the welfare of the school and community, objectively aims to weave its program around the topic "When and Where is the Child Educated?" To use the exact words as found on the card containing the schedule of meetings for the year, "Our Object is to show definitely how both home and school must educate the child."

We feel quite sure that this aim will be carried out by the end of the allotted time, for a series of very good discussions has been planned and speakers provided. In effect the program is as follows:

Division I—Out of School Education.

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BASKET BALL RIVALRY BEGINS

For weeks on the tongues of every one was such a slogan as "Juniors will win!" "Seniors have the best team!" But now the Seniors and Juniors are grouped into two groups, practicing basket ball bi-weekly to help place the laurel of victory around the neck of Pep or Mickey, for this will be the second inter-society contest. The first was the spelling contest held in December. The second will be the basket ball game played sometime in February.

On Tuesday from 3:30-4:15 and on Thursday from 4:15 to 5:00 the Bagleans practice vigorously. On Tuesdays 4:15 to 5:00 and on Thursdays from 3:30-4:15 the Carneans have the floor. Well represented? You bet! Just see the list on the gym board. The girls often feel like stealing a few minutes from their rivals. Do they? Ask any one on either side.

Because of the unemployment situation an admission will be charged this year for the first time. The proceeds will then be donated to charity. Fifty cents isn't much to give to the cause, but in addition to that you'll get your money's worth in seeing one of the best basket ball games of the season.

Are you doing your part? Are you feeding the "meat of victory" to Mickey; or the "grain of luck" to Pep. Which will be up to standard first? February will tell.

MR. FREEMAN ADDRESSES STUDENTS

At a recent assembly the student body of S. N. S. was privileged to hear a most interesting discussion of the United States Constitution and its relation to us as future teachers, given by Mr. C. M. Freeman, cashier of Eastern Shore Trust Company of Salisbury. During the talk several very instructive points were brought out in an entertaining manner.

Mr. Freeman stated the important fact that girls should be much more interested in civics than formerly because of their attained right to vote; and that they must know history if they are to become good citizens.

Mr. Freeman fully traced the his-

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TRUE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT SHOWN IN CELEBRATION

President Home Association Will Present Gifts at Annual House Party

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, goodwill toward men." This phrase sets forth in words the basic thought of our Christmas celebrations. The true spirit of Christmas was awakened within our hearts when we began to lay foundations for the celebration of that greatest of all "holy days."

The annual Christmas party given by the Normal Home Association on December 18 will give pleasure to every student and visitor. At 8 o'clock on that evening the girls, dressed in pure white, will descend the stairs, singing and carrying unlighted candles which they will light from the large Christmas candle. This beautiful symbolism instills within us deeper than ever the real meaning of Christmas. The girls, when seated on the floor, listen reverently to the story of Christ's birth. The music is always impressive and inspiring. Twenty-one pairs of stockings containing books, toys, and goodies which will be filled by the students will be presented by Edith Towers, president of Home Association to Mr. L. Atwood Bennett, president of the Wicomico county Welfare Association. These stockings will be distributed to less fortunate boys and girls by the county nurse.

Caroling in the early morning on December 19 is another feature of our program which gives much pleasure to all. We will sing at the home for the aged and the Primitive Baptist Home, to patients at Pine Bluff Sanitorium, and to many citizens.

The last Sunday evening vespers were truly in keeping with this season. At this service Dr. W. J. Holoway gave a talk entitled "The Arch of Success," or "The Marks of the Perfect Woman."

Not only is our Christmas spirit shown collectively, but individually as well. At no time in the whole year are the students so happy among themselves. The beautiful messages emphasized in the Christmas activities during our normal school days will long be remembered.

GLEE CLUB SINGS FOR PARENT TEACHERS

Well, folks, the Glee Club made another memorable trip Wednesday, December 10, to furnish part of the program for the P. T. A. meeting of the East New Market Schools. After listening to the usual do's and don'ts we started. Everything went smoothly until we arrived at Brookview and found that "Brookview bridge was falling down;" therefore, it was necessary to walk over in order to reach the Parish House.

Mr. Thomas Simmons, well-known speaker of Dorchester county, gave the address of the evening. S. N. S.'s part of the program was as follows:

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DECEMBER, 1930

MAY 1931 BE FRUITFUL

May we pause here to note the approach of New Years, marking the entrance of another year. Upon our calendar the coming year will be known as 1931. It would be amiss if we passed this opportunity to express a fervent hope for a general improvement, throughout our country, in those conditions so vital to the welfare of our nation and its people. We say this in all frankness because we must admit that the past year has been less fruitful of those things so necessary if our people are to maintain that high standard of living of which other nations are most envious.

Our belief in our school and its worth to Maryland permits us to hope, without any feeling of selfishness, that the coming year of 1931 will bring many things of good import to S. N. S. If we may take the liberty we would underscore, as noting its importance of all those things, that our State Legislature and our Governor shall provide sufficient funds to complete our school in all needed details. If there be those who take exception to this most personal hope, we offer as our grounds—and feel that they are tenable—that the progress, the prosperity, and the happiness of all the people can be most assured through liberal education which cannot be properly given without adequate facilities.

CHRISTMAS AIMS

There's a time in every year for joy—and gladness
Where one forgets the past and throws away sadness,
A time when old and young join in excitement and glee;
I speak of Christmas time; that's easy to see!

We give kind words to someone greatly in need,
And some starved, unclothed child, with gladness we feed.
We help the old parents get the spirit with the young,
Everyone does some good deed, for it's really lots of fun.

With this in mind let us plan to make this Christmas one of the most enjoyable ever spent. We can be much happier if we first contribute to the happiness of others. For that is the real Christmas spirit.

Nothing can make one more satisfied than to go through the Christmas holidays knowing he has really helped someone. Have we tried this? Are we failing in our duties? One can't always do the big things to help, but big or little we can do something. And after all it is the little things in life that count.

Let us without further delay map out our Christmas in a way that will make it more realistic than any we have ever experienced. Let us start the New Year with a bigger and much better aim in life—not only an aim to make one's own life richer, but to make the lives of others happier.

ENTHUSIASM SHOWN IN "Y" ACTIVITIES

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vesper services every Sunday evening at 6 o'clock.

Our morning watch is of a little different nature. We have leaders planned to make up the program each week but we ask for no outside help. There have been some very original and impressive services during those 20 minutes each Wednesday morning. If you feel down and out come to morning watch. "Y" membership is not a requirement for admittance. We welcome all students.

GLEE CLUB SINGS FOR PARENT TEACHERS

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"Trees," Rasbach Harris, Sho' Echo Glee Club.

"Homing," Teresa Del Riego, Sho' Echo Glee Club

Dance, Jeanne Holloway

"Round Her Neck She Wears a Yellow Ribbon, Glee Club

"Perfect Song," Sho' Echo Glee Club

Dance, Jeanne Holloway

"O, Holy Night," Sho' Echo Glee Club

"Silent Night, Holy Night," Sho' Echo Glee Club

CORRIDOR CHATTER

Insley: Hurray for Santa Claus!

Junior: I don't intend to go to my mail box until after Christmas. I think I would have a merry Christmas if I didn't.

Ryda: If I get the scarlet fever, you might as well give me carnations in the beginning. Just think—candy, nuts, cake, oranges, bananas, golly, I'd die sure 'nuff.

Edith: Guess what! I have to make a report on Calvin.

Junior: Take a glimpse at our schedule, it'll knock you cold.

Senior: Take a look at your reports and they'll knock you stiff.

Eva: The girls say, to comfort me, "Plenty more fish to be caught in the sea"
But it isn't the fish, it's what he tooked
My broken heart was what he hooked.

Miss Wilson: Wasn't that Cleo driving past in that chariot? Oh, not, it couldn't possibly have been Ben Hur.

'31: What are you looking for?
'32: A nickel.
'31: When did you lose it?
'32: Who said anything about losing anything? I'm just looking for one.

Pop (teaching Louise to drive an auto): The brake is something that you put on in a hurry.
Louise: Oh, I see. A sort of kimono.

Missouri: Hear about poor Bill?
Thelma: No—what happened?
Missouri: Why, his heart was giving him trouble, so he went to the doctor to have it stopped.

Rose: I have a date for dinner, but when, with whom and where, and then—Oh, well—he'll phone tonight. If he's sour I'll say, I waited for an hour.

Onlooker concerning Glee Club dance—"The dance was great the other night. You all looked so nice, you reminded me of a bed of flowers, or was it a rainbow?" anyway, all the girls had on pastel shade, organdie dresses.

At anytime of the night we can see the Juniors star gazing. They just LOVE Science!

Reflections of a Senior III on the occasion of her first teaching down town.

Before teaching that first lesson:
My heart fluttered, my knees shook, I grinned nervously at the children. Going through my brain were the thoughts, "Will my first day's teaching be a grand flop? Can I ever do it?"
After teaching that first lesson:
The children were interested; they responded to my questions. Truly, "Believe it or not," I lost myself in the lesson and actually enjoyed it. I know now I'll not regret the day I entered the great profession of teaching. Why did I ever spend so many unhappy hours dreading that first lesson?

B. M. S.

Eats, everybody
The night's frolic and fun was canceled by—Lights out.

CHRISTMAS IN MANY LANDS

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There's a star in the sky!
A Christmas carol.
—HOLLAND

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POET'S CORNER

A UNIT'S FATE

Once upon a time,
Away up to the stars,
A lonely unit drifted
And landed safe on Mars.
"What is this queer land creature?"
The people asked at once.
"It seems to be the brain child
Of an educated dunce.
What is the child's activity,
The purpose or the aim?
How large is large?" they quickly asked.
"What does the pupil gain?"
So long they thought and pondered,
And long they talked and well;
At last they had it buried
And hoped it safe in—!

ANONYMOUS

DEAR SANTA

The following letter was one of the "high lights" of the Baglean Christmas program given on Thursday, December 18.

Dear Santa Claus:
I suppose when you get this letter you'll draw one deep breath and then go over your list to see what you have left. We know you've received letters from little girls and little boys asking for toys, but, Santa, we are grown-up girls and Bagleans of S. N. S.

Always working for our teachers
Trying hard to do our best.

We know you've heard of Dr. Bagley
And our advisor, Uncle Cy
The president and members—
Please don't pass us by.

Now, each and every member
Would like a pretty dress,
Bring a green one trimmed in white
We'll wear it for our best.

Bring to our adviser
A little green necktie
A pretty, white, silk shirt
And label it Uncle Cy.

Please don't forget our president—
The most important of our team—
And everything you bring her
Color it white and green.

I suppose you think we're funny
Asking for these two colors;
But, Santa, please, please, please,
Don't bring us green and yellow.

As you see, we are Bagleans
And our colors, green and white,
Mean as much to our society
As our dear old Stars and Stripes.

So don't forget us, Santa,
Don't forget the Car-ne-ans
Don't forget a single person,
Signed—The Bag-le-ans.

ELSIE GIBBS, Baglean

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MERRY CHRISTMAS, FACULTY

The members of the Holly Leaf staff, in behalf of the school, extend to you our sincere greetings for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Dr. W. J. Holloway intends to stay at his home on Camden Avenue Salisbury, Md., where he will endeavor to fill a few stockings, and keep the home fires burning.

I think Mr. T. J. Caruthers plans to stay at home over the holidays. I suppose he also intends to look after the interests of his lares et penates.

Now what do you think Miss Lurah Collins plans to do? She is going to play a wedding march at her home in Berlin. We know Miss Collins is going to enjoy herself but, "Miss Collins, be sure to play the march and not to walk up the aisle yourself."

Miss Gladys Feidler, our music instructor, will spend the Christmas season with her parents in Erie, Pa., and make merry we know, with many songs of cheer.

Mrs. Lucy Bennett will visit relatives in Cambridge, Md. We know that she will be more than glad to have with her, her daughter, Miss Rebecca Bennett, who is attending the State Teachers College, Harrisonburg, Va.

Miss Virginia Harwood has her plans all made for a Merry Christmas and we hope her plans work out nicely. She is going to "Home Sweet Home," Bristol, Va.

We know for certain that Miss Helen Jamart will have a happy time with home folks in Baltimore, as she will be on the "Dear Old Western Shore."

Mrs. Lena McLewee is going to New York and to Providence, R. I., Now we needn't say another word for we know that Mrs. McLewee will have a Merry Christmas "plus."

We are glad to welcome back to Salisbury for the holidays Miss Edna Marshall, who is this year on leave of absence to attend Teachers College, Columbia Universitiy, where she is continuing her studies for a Ph. D. degree. She will enjoy her Christmas dinner with her mother in Tunis Mills, Md., after which she will spend the rest of her vacation at her home in Salisbury.

Miss Anne Matthews says that she intends to stay at her home on College Avenue, Salisbury, Md., and enjoy it to the fullest extent. We are quite certain she means what she says.

Just think of this! Miss Ruth Powell is going to take a holiday (for once). She is going to New York, IF everybody is well. Keep well, girls.

Miss Ida Belle Wilson intends going to Philadelphia, Pa., for Christmas Day, after which she will visit friends in Pocomoke, Md. We all just know she is going to have a pleasant trip, as Miss Wilson seems to enjoy herself any place, even in History class.

As for "Pop" Richardson—Well, at last he plans a vacation. In company with Mrs. Richardson, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Skirven he will

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PLUTO'S FIRST CHRISTMAS

"It seems particularly strange to me that I've been rotating in space all these years and have not paid much attention to the significance of Christmas before. Why Earth, Venus, Mars, practically all by relatives value this season of the year. What is it all about anyway? I think I shall ask one of my comets to go to Neptune and see what type of celebration it is so that we, too, may pay due respect to the season for we might offend some specie of nature if we don't."

Pluto's swiftest messenger, was summoned and informed of his mission. Instead of being irritable, the comet was quite willing and thrilled at the opportunity to attempt such a flight. Of course, certain commands had to be given and obeyed in order for, a successful flight for if the comet travels too closely to the immense Father sun, he will be swallowed up instantly. Immediately the messenger donned his newest robe and, after looking with pride at his long tail, he bade his friends adieu. Off he sped into space merely whirling to and fro. A few other comets were in the same orbit as he and they all conversed freely as to where he was going. Everyone considered him a lucky fellow for he had been the chosen comet. Successful greetings were given by each and his travels were resumed.

Can you imagine just how fast he traveled? There is no difinite speed recorded for speedometers were not so popular on Pluto then. On July 11, 1930, four months after his departure he arrived at Neptune's front portage, and his presence was announced to the mighty Neptune. Very little was known to the Neptunes of the domestic life of Pluto; therefore Orion was graciously received and an elaborate banquet prepared.

The greetings of Pluto were transmitted to Neptune and the purpose of his visit explained.

To think that Pluto would send to him, the omnipotent Neptune, to be informed about this festival occasion, namely Christmas, delighted him. To show his appreciation of the fact, he ordered his courtiers to prepare a ceremony similiar to that held on Christmas and scribes to write up the performance while the messenger was to be guest of honor and comment on the performance. What an honor for such an insignificant comet!

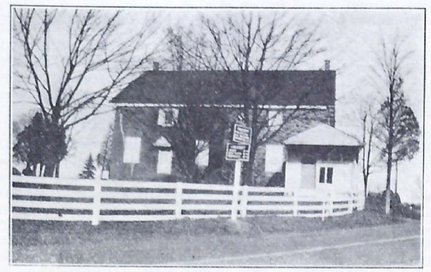
After an early dinner he was ushered into the magnificent court of Neptune for the second time. He sat as if he were in a daze. Never had he had such an experience before. When the twilight shadows began to lower an immense candle, which was the nucleus of the room, was lighted by two very small dwarfs dressed in red and green. Then the most beautiful music began to vibrate throughout the room and many soft but lovely voices took the strains. In the distance on either side of the candle appeared two very long lines of people. These were the residents of Neptune. Each had in his hand a smaller candle which was supported by a candle holder. Each tiny step that was made seemed to be in perfect harmony with the music. What were all those colored dazzling things on the cedar, he wondered but remained silent and awaited the next part of the program. Then there approach about 10 lady residents draped in long white robes each carrying a stocking. The stockings which had names on them were placed directly under the tree. These names were Sun, Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, Pluto. They were compliments from the various neighbors for the important Neptune. This was about the apex of surprise for the little comet and he could only sit with an open mouth, but his eyes registered thoughts unspoken. This demonstration pleased Neptune more than ever. After the ladies had taken their respective places with the first group, everyone began to sing softly the sacred and beautiful Christmas carols. Every one by this time had received the St. Nicholas spirit and happiness was radiated every place. At the end of the ceremonies, 12 little girls began to pass around candy whose shape was exactly that of Father Neptune and his cane. The shape of the candy was as attractive to the guest as the taste of the candy itself. Finally the ceremony was over, Neptune giving his usual Christmas greetings. This little comet was shown to a lovely bed chamber and spent a healthful, sleepful night. After arising early the next morning, Neptune offered to allow two of his comets go to Pluto with the guest comet and teach them something about Christmas. About noon the trio started on the journey.

After four months of both easy and difficult traveling, the comets arrived at Pluto.

Here the trio was graciously received and here an elaborate banquet was served. Every inhabitant of Pluto crowded in and around the central court to hear about the adventures of the messenger. This was the source of entertainment for the first evening. On the morrow, Pluto began to make due preparation for the festival season which was about a week off. On the great day the ceremony was carried out and the Plutonians experienced their very first Christmas. How much more they had to learn about the term Christmas! It was decided that each planet would be visited in course of time for the purpose of learning about its type of celebration. After acquiring this information, the Plutonians decided what their Christmas would be like. This new custom meant life would be more interesting to the inhabitants.

RUTH NICKERSON

Our Historic Eastern Shore



THE BRICK MEETING HOUSE AS IT APPEARS TODAY

THE BRICK MEETING HOUSE
Calvert, Cecil County, Maryland

In the spring of 1681, William Penn obtained from King Charles the Second, a charter for the territory of Pennsylvania, which was then a wilderness in possession of the Indians.

The following year Penn, accompanied by a number of friends proceeded to the site chosen for Philadelphia and laid out his new settlement. After spending nearly two years in America and seeing his plans of settlement well laid out, he embarked for England in 1684.

Toward the close of the year 1699 William Penn arrived a second time in America. He found his colony wonderfully increased in numbers and prosperity. In his absence Lord Baltimore had obtained a grant for Maryland, and by a misunderstanding, claimed a large tract of land on the southern portion of Penn's colony.

Penn determined to enter into all honorable means to maintain what he believed was honestly due him.

The measures being determined upon, an advance company to examine this territory set out from Chester in the early spring of 1701, headed by Penn in person. They proceeded on horse back with provisions and such necessary equipment as would enable them to spend the night in camp.

William Penn assembled his companions upon a spot he had selected, which commanded a view of the land, gently sloping in all directions. He called their special attention to the fact "that he then and there set apart and dedicated 40 acres of land to them and their successors forever, for the combined purpose of public worship, the right of burial and the privilege of education."

This verbal declaration was the only title by which the Friends held the Nottingham Meeting-house and lot until 1765, when John and Thomas Penn, heirs of William Penn, made them a deed.

The date of the first meeting house is not definitely recorded. It is supposed to have been built in the year 1706. Nottingham Friends Meeting was the first organized body to build a house and dedicate it to the worship of God, in the present limits of Cecil county.

Tradition informs us that the meeting house was built of hewn logs and stood south of the present

This brick house, erected in 1724, gave rise to the name "Brick Meeting House," and is practically the brick portion of the house today. Although the wood work has twice been destroyed by fire, the brick walls are the same.

At the time of the last repairing, the south wall of the old house was taken down and the present stone addition was made. This addition to the house is about equal in size to the original.

It comes down to us, partly from history and partly from tradition, that in April, 1778, East Nottingham Meeting House was taken possession of by a detachment of General Smallwood's division of the American army and used for a hospital for the sick and wounded soldiers. A number of the soldiers were buried near the southwest corner of the burial grounds attached thereto. In the spring of 1929, a stone monument was erected in this cemetery in honor of the soldiers buried there in 1778.

Early in September, 1781, the French army under Lafayette, encamped in the meeting house woods over night on their march to Yorktown, Va., to capture General Cornwallis' army.

The most critical event of the Revolutionary War, to the peaceable settlers of Nottingham, was the landing of the British army, under General Howe some distance above the mouth of the Elk River, on August 27, 1777. While at Elkton they destroyed large quantities of grain.

When the Mason and Dixon line between Maryland and Pennsylvania was completed, it passed thru the northern limits of Nottingham lots, which necessitated many of the titles to the land being recorded in Maryland. The greater part of the membership, with the meeting house was thus located in Maryland.

Many American villages have grown up around either a church, tavern, or courthouse. So the town of Calvert grew up around the old Brick Meeting House and was well known to travelers more than a century ago.

Christmas in Many Lands

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Skinner—Christmas Stories and Plays
KING WENCESLAS—Adapted from Old English Ballad
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THE CHRISTMAS KINGS — A Spanish Story
Skinner—Christmas Stories and Plays
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A CHRISTMAS CAROL—Charles Dickens

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HOLLY STICKERS

It's Certainly Not the Shine

Miss Collins: Now who can tell me what keeps the moon from falling?

Junior III (hopefully): It must be the beams.

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Kitty W.: Why is it you're so good natured?

Margaret J.: Probably because it would take so long to get me mad clean through.

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Dot O'Connor: Don't you wish you had teeth as pretty as your room mates?

Junior (smartly): Well, I should smile!

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Miss McLewee: Now, Mildred, will you please tell me where the University of Michigan is located?

Mildred: Why in Wisconsin, of course.

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Agnes Tingle (wistfully): You know I think the fattest women of the world must live in England.

Mildred: Why, Agnes?

Agnes: Well, I read in the paper last night, where one woman alone lost 200 pounds.

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Rachel: Your boy friend hasn't been to see you for three weeks what has he done, turned over a new leaf?

Mary: Oh, no, just a new car!

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Keesy: Now, Mary, there is Mr. and Mrs. Jones and little Junior. How many is that?

Mary: Two and one to carry.

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Teacher: Can anyone tell me how macaroni is made?

Johnny: First you take a big, long hole and then wrap dough around it.

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To Miss Harwood: If she wishes her pupils to practice penmanship just ask them to make a list of what they want for Christmas.

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To those underweight: If you wish to think of your weight in large numbers just compute it on the scale of four. You'd be surprised!

Mr. Freeman Addresses Students

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tory of the development of the constitution. Under the constitution, he added, the United States has made more rapid and better progress than any nation in the world.

We should realize that it is the fundamental law—all we have or hope to have must come from and be of the Constitution. For this reason we must study and know the constitution.

Benjamin Franklin, while not a clairvoyant, seized upon the idea of prosperity that the constitution could not fail to bring and interpretatively said, after having signed the document,

"Mr. President, I have been studying the painting directly before me, wondering whether that is a rising or setting sun. Now I am convinced that it is a rising sun, a sun that shall with our nation grow to be a leader in all the world."

Merry Christmas, Faculty

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motor to Florida where he will visit friends and relatives in St. Augustine, Jacksonville, and Miami. Mr. Richardson's camped in Florida on the Indian River during the "Pioneer Days of Miami." Now, won't he find a big contrast? Good luck, and a good time Richardsons and Skirvens.

Mrs. Skirven, we all know, is the popular secretary at S. N. S.

Miss Alma Kirk will enjoy her Christmas vacation with her parents and sister at her home in Baltimore.

Salisbury Normal School's Request for Re'lief

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estant Episcopal church for use of the Parish House nearly a mile distant from the school. Dormitory bedrooms designed for two occupants in many instances are crowded with three.

These and numerous other instances may be cited as reasons why the school is in dire need of attention from the governor and the State Legislature. The $305,000 appropriation sought would make possible completion of the plans outlined by the commission in 1922 and remedy the delinquincies now existing.

The normal school's request is not one seeking a new construction project but it is a desire for relief by completing plans pending for the past eight years.

The institution here has provided a teaching career for several score girls and boys who otherwise were unable for financial and other reasons to pursue their studies elsewhere. The two year course is equal to the first two years' curriculum in the average college. It is fulfilling a need for trained teachers in rural and town schools such as can no other agency.

To provide for the school's needs that are immediate and pressing by authorizing the appropriation is a duty the state cannot well afford to shirk.

Worth While Meeting Planned

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Wednesday, December 3, 1930—Topic, Nature Study; "How can the the study of nature be made to form a background for educational purposes?" Speaker, Mr. Fulton Allen. Discussions, social hour.

Wednesday, January 7, 1931—Topic, Business of the home. "1. How can father's business form a background for educational purposes?" Speaker, Mr. John L. Morse. "2. How can mother's business form a background for educational purposes?" Speaker, Mr. T. J. Caruthers. Discussion, social hour.

Division II—In School Education

Wednesday, February 4—Topic, School subjects, "How can the teacher use the out of school education and experience as a means of teaching the required subjects?" Discussion based on the work in the primary grades led by Miss Lillian Parker and Miss Pauline Reall. Social hour.

Wednesday, March 4 — Topic, School subjects (continued). Discussion based on the work in the upper grades led by Miss Margaret Weant. Social hour.

Division III—After School Education

Wednesday, April 1—Topic, Adult Education, "1. The possibilities of adult education." Speaker, Mr. T. J. Caruthers. "2. The agencies of adult education." Speaker, The Reverend J. N. Stewart. Discussion, Social hour.

Wednesday, May 6—Topic (Miscellaneous.)

The First and Second grades had a unit about Christmas. The children told and wrote many stories. Some of these are below:

THE CHRISTMAS STAR

Mrs. Long told the children about the Christmas star. This is the story:

Many years ago, when the Shepherds were watching their sheep, a star appeared in the sky. They followed the star till they came to the manger where the baby Jesus lay. They knelt and worshiped Him.

NICHOLAS RIGGIN, Grade 2

THE SNOWMAN

One day when it was snowing Jack and Jill made a snowman. They made a big ball a middle sized ball and a tiny ball of snow. They piled them up like a man. Then they put sticks in the middle-sized ball for arms. They used coal for his eyes. A bucket was used for his hat.

Everybody who walked by laughed at their snowman.

ANNE HOLT, Grade 1

HAPPY BIRDS

Jack and Jill got a Christmas tree for the birds. They put fat, bread, and seeds on it. Sometimes the birds would eat from their hands. They sang songs and were happy.

GLADYS ALLEN, Grade 2

THE BIRDS CHRISTMAS TREE

On Christmas Day, Jill asked father to get a branch from the big tree. She put it into the snow. Jack got some bread. Jill got fat and some seeds. They put the food on the tree. After a while the birds came. They had a happy Christmas.

DOROTHY LEE TAYLOR, Grade 2

MY GIFT

Last year, a few days before Christmas, daddy came in bringing a large package. It had a sticker on it which said, "Do not open until Christmas," I could hardly wait because it came from Iowa and I knew it was something nice but mother put it with the rest of the packages. On Christmas Eve we brought them down to the living-room and opened them. When I opened it I saw it was a punching bag. The next day I played with it and you can imagine how happy I was.

GUY HARMON, JR., Grade 4

CHRISTMAS

Nearly two thousand years ago Jesus Christ was born, Mary and Joseph were His parents. They were wandering through a desert country on a mission. One night they stopped to rest in a manger. During the night a Christ Child was born to them. They were found at this place by three wise men. They were guided there by a brilliant, shining star. Ever since this blessed child has been called Jesus Christ, Son of God.

MARION MUMFORD, Grade 3

GETTING THE TREE

The boys in our school had the most fun in the woods a few days before our Christmas holiday. When they reached the forest they looked and looked. By and by their eyes fell on a beautifully shaped cedar tree. Immediately they chopped it down and started back to school with it. They dragged it in like the English do the Yule Log. Soon the tree was ready to be dressed in robes of glittering balls and tinkling bells.

MARY ANN BLOXOM, Grade 3

The writing of poems is one phase of the English contest held in the upper grades. They have just begun the work.

THE SNOWFALL

Down from the sky so dark and drear
Came a white mist of snow,
Fell like a garment sheer
Covering the ground below,
Touching tops of trees,
Dressing the woodland bare,
Falling so silently
In the cold fresh wintry air,
Resting on bushes and houses
Sleeping on towers high
Coming to us so lightly,
A messenger from the sky.

MARGARET PHILLIPS, Grade 7

SNOW

Through the whitened wood we go
In grandmother's large old sleigh.
Listen! hear the north wind blow
Now it's near, now far away.
The snowflakes fall,
And in the sky
The snowbirds call,
Just watch them fly.
And all around upon the ground
A pure white blanket lies.

PAULINE LONG
JANNA KENNY
Grade 7

THE HAPPY SNOWFALL

How happy we were for the snow flakes were falling.
From afar we heard the children calling.
"Get your coats for we want to go
Out into the pure white snow.
Bring your sleds and ice skates too,
For you must know what we're going to do."
And so they did, they brought them all.
Then they began to gather snow balls
But last of all, I am sorry to say,
The snow flakes vanished far away.

MARY SHOCKLEY, Grade 6

THE SNOWFALL

The snow is falling silently,
The wind is not so strong,
The flakes are growing larger,
The storm will not last long,
So get your little sleds today,
And dress in garments warm,
And with the wind go slide away,
All safe from any harm.

MARY BELLE POLLITT, Grade 7

THE SNOW

"Oh the snow
How fast we go!"
Said jolly Bill to Jim.
"In the sled,
How fast we're led,
Every child is filled with vim.
We built a fort,
We love the sport,"
Said jolly Bill to Jim.

ROBERT T. ATKINSON, Grade 7

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Asst. Editor .....Ruth Long
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Rep. Inter. Room ....Audrey Stewart
Rep. U. G. Room ....Robert Atkinson

THE SNOWFALL

How glad we were when we saw the snow.
How swiftly it did fall,
And soon a clean white blanket
Was spread o'er the garden wall.
How happy we were when the school bell rang
And we were free to go.

HUNTER MANN, Grade 6

THE FIRST SNOW

The snow is falling fast,
And soon it will cover the grass
A white blanket o'er everything it makes
And a lots of warm clothes is surely takes.

Hurry up and get your sled
Out from under the big white shed.
We'll have the biggest race of all
In this, our first snowfall.

SHIRLEY POWELL, Grade 5

CHRISTMAS QUOTATIONS

Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night.—"A Visit to St. Nicholas," by Clement C. Moore.

At Christmas play and make good cheer,
For Christmas comes but once a year.

Peace on earth, good will to men.—"A Christmas Carol," by Lowell.

Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind.
—"Christmas," by Nahum Tate.

God bless us every one.—"A Christmas Carol," by Dickins.

The Christ is born! The Lord has come!
Good will on earth to bring!
—"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night," by Margaret Deland.

Hail, old Father Christmas!

On Christmas morn
May joy and happiness be yours for aye,
Peace and good will to you on Christmas Day!

I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.—Old English Carol.

Earth has become a smiling Paradise.—A Christmas Carol translated from the Neopolitan.

O bless our dear Savior,
Our heavenly King.
—From the "Cherry Tree Carol."

For Jesus Christ, our Savior, was born on Christmas Day.

Glory to God, on earth be peace;
Salvation comes to day.

With the shepherds mute, adoring, and the glory shining round.
—"Christmas," by Mary Auctin

'Twas the night before Christmas,
When all through the house
Not a creature was stirring—
Not even a mouse.—"A Visit from St. Nicholas," by Clement C. Moore.

To Miss Ruth: If she wishes to see a blank expression on the faces of many, just ask, "Who has taken her cod-liver oil this morning?"